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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Xavier Michel, et al. ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 09792909-4876
 SERIAL NO.: 09/574,900 GROUP ART UNIT: 2623
 FILED: May 19, 2000 EXAMINER: M. Dastouri
 FOR: "PICTURE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS"
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AMENDMENT "B"

Commissioner of Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS	-20		() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS	3		() X 42.00 () X 87.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	\$	

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The Commissioner is authorized and requested to charge the amount of \$____ to cover the additional claim fee to American Express Account No. 378571697401002. PTO Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

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A check for \$____ for Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(b) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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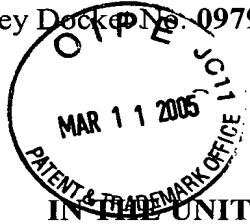
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RESPONSE TO JANUARY 5, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005. In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. This response is timely filed.